

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

A family named Casey lately evicted from a holding on the Ballyhea property, near Loughrea have erected a hut near their old home and are suffering the direst privations rather than enter the workhouse. It is hoped that something may be done to help these poor and deserving persons along the thorny road of existence they are now unhappily compelled to travel through British misrule and landlord oppression.

Many evictions are impending on the Huntingdon and Clarricade estates in and around Loughrea.

Mr. Peter O'Flanagan has been appointed postmaster in Tuam, in succession to his aunt, Miss Bryne, who retired.

Mr. Crowley, merchant, Galway, while cycling lately at Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, was thrown off his "D.K." and seriously injured.

The death of Mr. John Gucklan, Main street, Carrick-on-Shannon, occurred recently, at the age of 46 years. Deceased was highly esteemed and the funeral was numerously attended.

The monument to Mr. Peter Delaney, Dunmore, will be unveiled on an early date. The late Mr. Delaney was well known in the counties of Galway, Mayo and Roscommon as a sterling and uncompromising Nationalist. Mr. John Daly of Limerick, ex-political prisoner, will unveil the monument.

On the marriage last week of Miss Margaret M. Burke of Ower, near Dublin, to Mr. Teeling, lawyer, Dublin, great pleasure was expressed by the people of the districts. Bonfires illuminated the surrounding country. The scene was much enlivened by the Ower band, conducted by Mr. John Myers, which discoursed appropriate and national airs. Miss Burke is the worthy daughter of the late W. J. Burke, whose memory is fresh in the minds of the people and Mr. Teeling is connected with one of the most prominent leaders in '98 Bartholomew Teeling having been his granduncle, to whose memory a monument is being erected by his countrymen.

Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway, paid the usual triennial visitation to Spiddal to administer the sacrament of confirmation. The devotion of the parishioners and their respect for their saintly and patriotic bishop were unmistakably evinced by the warmth of the welcome accorded. Beautiful arches spanned the streets, bearing mottoes as "Lead us on, O our beloved bishop," etc. At night the town was brilliantly illuminated, and bonfires shone from every point of vantage about. One hundred and fifteen candidates belonging to the eastern portion of the parish were examined and acquitted themselves with credit to their respected parish priest and their devoted teachers. On Tuesday the sacrament of confirmation was administered, and his lordship warmly eulogized the teachers for the successful manner in which they had discharged their important duties.

LEITRIM.

Dr. Delaney has been elected medical officer for the district of Jamestown, in room of Dr. Connellan, resigned. Dr. Bradshaw was defeated by two votes. Mr. Patrick Kelly, aged 46 years, of Back Lane, died suddenly, lately, from heart disease. Thy funeral was numerously attended. He left a wife and four little ones to mourn his loss.

MAYO.

Miss Eliza B. Egan, assistant teacher Clogmagh National School, has been informed by the National Education Board that she passed the July examinations with "special distinction." Miss Egan is a daughter of Mr. John Egan, Turlough.

Mrs. Frances Wall, in religion Sister Mary Stanislaus Kostka, Foxford, died after a rather protracted illness. Deceased was in the 55th year of her age and in the 38th of her religious life.

Mr. Thomas Begley died recently at Irishtown. Interment took place at Dr. Dymally. Rev. Father McGirr, Ballinacorney, assisted by Rev. Father Lynch, performing the requiem ceremony.

A large and important meeting was held at Binghamstown on Sunday for the purpose of extending the United Irish League. Mr. John Meenehan, president, presided.

ROSCOMMON.

At a special meeting of the Boyle Town Commissioners, Mr. L. M. O'Hara, chairman, presiding, an official communication was read empowering the present members of the board to act until the new body was elected. It was decided to call a public meeting to take into consideration the advisability of the commissioners taking over the urban sanitary powers and other voluntary acts as stated in the bill.

The United Irish League is making satisfactory progress in Roscommon. Some branches have been established already, and the people in other districts are preparing to follow the good example. This county was never behind in the struggle for Irish rights in the past, and will not be so now, or at any time in the future.

When the six Marist brothers arrived in Sligo, they lately to take charge of the boys' school, in Quay street, a large number of Sligo's leading citizens, and the priests of the district, and the college and as a result of the visit, a Students' Society of the Sacred Heart, assembled at the terrace and extended to the brothers a cordial welcome. Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., Mayor; Alderman Connolly, Alderman Collyer, M. P., Alderman Tighe and other Catholic members of the corporation were present. A procession was formed, headed by the band and the brothers were conveyed to their quarters in Quay street.

The Elgo "Champion" of Sept. 17 said: "It would appear that the Con-way's Cross branch of the United Irish League was not formed a moment too soon. The tenants on the Keogh estate which is situated at Conway's Cross, County Sligo, are being subjected to a system of persecution and terrorism worthy of the worst days of landlord greed. The Keogh estate is "in the courts" and no one seems to know who Keogh is or where he is. The tenants are very poor, and rackrented, many of them being greatly in arrears and unable to avail themselves of the Land Acts. Proceedings were taken against them in February and June last, and decrees and writs were issued. Among them John Keany, of Ummeryroe, was decreed for £33 at Ballymote Quarter Sessions in June, and the decree was lodged with the sheriff in Sligo. On the 28th of August a public meeting was held at Conway's Cross for the purpose of discussing the circumstances connected with the Keogh estate and forming a branch of the United Irish League. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Mulligan, who denounced Daniel Rorke, who, it was said, was acting as bailiff for the landlord. On Tuesday last Mrs. Keany went to Sligo with her husband's horse and cart and put up in Alderman Connolly's yard, High street, the horse and cart being in charge of a servant boy named Michael Dyer, of Ummeryroe. It is said that a telegram from Ballyfarson reached the sheriff's office at Sligo, with the information that Keany's horse and cart had gone to Sligo. Jenkins, the sheriff's bailiff, was informed and proceeded to Mr. Connolly's yard accompanied by a young man, who pointed out Keany's horse and cart. Jenkins thereupon seized the horse and cart and lodged them with Mr. Peter May, Pound street. Michael Dyer and Mrs. Keany assert that the young man who pointed out Keany's horse and cart to Jenkins is Mick Rorke, son of Daniel Rorke. Mrs. Keany and the boy, Dyer, returned to Conway's Cross, and having reported what had transpired a special meeting of the United Irish League was summoned, of which the following report has been handed to us: "At a special meeting of the Con-way's Cross branch of the United Irish League held on Wednesday, September 14th, Mr. M. McHugh in the chair, the following members were present: John Mulligan, J. J. Conway, secretary; J. Cunningham, assistant secretary; D. McKeon, P. Conlon, D. Lavin, M. Snee, P. Sweeney, T. Hannon, T. McGarry, B. McDonagh, J. Riley J. Keaney and B. Brehony. The following resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously: Resolved That we emphatically condemn the action of D. Rorke, the bailiff, on the Keogh estate, and his son, Mick, for this reason, that, after writing through the Press that he had given up the dirty work he sent his son to Sligo on Tuesday, the 13th inst., to point out John Keany's horse and cart. Keany being one of the Keogh tenants, to P. Jenkins, sheriff's bailiff, which he seized upon at once. Rorke is a well-known relapsing offender in this direction; for several times he has endeavored to screen his action, but at last he is stripped naked. We therefore advise the surrounding branches of the League—viz: Soeey, Geevagh, Riverstown, Killynure and Ballynaghy, to note these facts. J. J. Conway, Hon. Sec.

severe grief of his sorrowing wife and family, aged 79 years.

CARTHY—Sept. 16, at Whitworth Hospital, John Carthy, aged 33 years, aged 33 years.

DEVILIN—At 38 Queen street, Michael Devilin.

HORAN—Sept. 15, at 82 North King street, P. J. Horan, aged 32 years.

HUMPHREYS—Sept. 15, at 49 Great Britain street, Dublin, James Humphreys.

KANE—At Main street, Rathbarham Edward Joseph Kane.

MANNING—Sept. 14, at the Hospice for the Dying, Catherine Manning, 34 George's quay.

O'CONNOR—Sept. 14, at Cowpasture, Monasteraven, Michael O'Connor, late 1 Vincent street.

DAVYS—Sept. 9, at 37 Marlborough road, Donnycrow, Rose Evelyn Davys, of Cremona Woods.

DELANEY—At Gienageary, Elizabeth Delaney.

FAGAN—Sept. 10, at 15 Anna Villa, Phibsborough, Mary Anne Fagan.

BURKE—Sept. 11, at 1 Ardena terrace, Seapoint, Joseph Burke, 7 Palmerston road, Rathmines, aged 21 years.

BYRON—Sept. 12, at 3 St. John's terrace, Clontarf, Katherine Byron.

DOODY—Sept. 12, at Vauxhall 72, Cork street, Myles Doody, aged 74 years.

HAWKES—Sept. 11, at 24 Synott place, Charles Edward Hawkes, of Blinfield, County Roscommon.

LUGHES—Sept. 12, Cordulough, County Managh, James Hughes, late of Corlay, aged 89 years.

BURKE—Sept. 13, at 1 Ardena terrace, Seapoint, Lou's Kelly Burke, 7 Palmerston road, Rathmines, aged 15 years.

CONNIFFE—Sept. 12, at 15 Middle Gardner street, Catherine Conniffe, formerly of No. 24 Upper Liffey street.

DARCY—Sept. 14, at 20 Commons street, Dublin, Mary Joseph Darcy, aged 26 years.

FEGAN—Sept. 14, at 5 Lower Dominick street, Mary Fegan, 62 Upper Dorset street.

HORAN—Sept. 15, at 82 North King street, P. J. Horan, aged 32 years.

LENIHAN—Sept. 14, at Eyre square, Galway, John Lenihan, merchant.

MULLIGAN—Sept. 15, at 189 Great Britain street, Arthur (Archie) Mulligan, aged 17 years.

MURRAY—Sept. 15, at The Diamond, Clones, E. P. Murray, Esq., pharmaceutical chemist.

ROCHE—Sept. 15, at The National Bank House, Atty. Mrs. Mary Roche.

WHITE—Sept. 5, at 1 Applan Way, Lessen Park, Dublin, Frances White, Newlands, county Wexford.

KILDARE.

Mrs. Healy, Russelstown, Kilmeggie, died Sept. 7, deeply regretted. Funeral to Twomilshouse was numerously attended.

A solemn requiem mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's chapel Maynooth College, Sept. 16, for the repose of the soul of the Empress of Austria. During her stay in Ireland she visited the college in 1879 and in 1880.

KILKENNY.

Michael Maher of Bawnmore, died Aug. 5 at Santiago, Cuba, of typhoid fever.

KINGS.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Grogan of Old Croghan, Phillipstown, occurred Sept. 10, at the age of 85 years. Requiem services in Croghan chapel were numerously attended.

When some workmen in the employment of Colten Bros. of the Portrane Asylum Works were making excavations they unearthed a human skeleton of gigantic proportions. It was over nine feet long, was deposited in a huge stone tomb several feet under the surface. A photograph of the find was taken by Mr. Colten, and it was then removed for transference to the Museum in Kildare street, Dublin. It is supposed that the remains are those of some doughty Danish warrior, who, fleeing from Clontarf, was pursued and slain at this place by Brian's avengers. Might it not be the remains of one of the ancient Fentans of Erin?

Mr. Patrick Carroll, merchant, Dundalk, died recently at his residence, Clonbrassil street, Dublin, deeply and widely regretted by all who knew him.

METH.

Mr. Stawell Garnett died suddenly recently at Williamstown. In past years he owned considerable property in the district of Keils.

QUEEN'S.

An inquest was held in Cabra Institution, Dublin, into the circumstances surrounding the death by drowning of Rev. Brother Edward Connolly, which happened while bathing in the Quarry Hole, Tolka River, near Finglass. It appears that when he dived weeds wound around him, and as his efforts to disengage himself made the tangle worse he was, sad to say, drowned. The jury found a verdict of accidental death. The father of the deceased, Mr. John Connolly, Coolgara, Queen's County, and his sister were present at the inquest. The deceased was 21 years and 6 months old.

WESTMETH.

The population of this county in 1821 was 128,819; in 1831, 136,872, but in 1891 only 65,109. This is a terrible falling off, and if no other evidence of the accursed misrule of Great Britain existed it would be sufficient to convince every reasonable person that while British statesmen enact laws to bind Ireland those laws will be designed to keep the people in miserable servitude and their commercial and agricultural interests on the outermost edge of total decay.

WEXFORD.

Nationalists of the districts around

New Ross. In both counties, intend to erect a monument to perpetuate the untold conduct of the men who faced the disciplined and excellently equipped troops of brutal England in 1798 in the noble effort, to make their country free. Few people in New Ross, and across the river in the county of Kilkenny but are interested in this laudable move, as members of their families fought in the battles that makes Wexford sacred land.

Ballinaboula now has money order and savings bank departments in the local postoffice. Mrs. Daly is the postmistress, and is very popular.

Miss Moulds, Ferns, was fearfully injured while cycling near Courtown Harbor, last week. But slight hopes for her recovery are entertained.

Miss Kate Murphy of Coolbanow, Ferns, was lately received into conventual life at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Limerick, Religious title, Sister Mary Reginald.

Mr. John Bolger, Oylegate, died lately. He was closely identified with the National cause in Wexford for many years. Portion of his life was spent in New Zealand. His demise is deeply and universally deplored.

Miss M. E. Redmond, Danacastle National School, Bannow, has passed examination for first division of first class. This is the highest teacher's certificate granted by the National Board.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Mrs. Bookey, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Newtownbarry, breathed her last. She had attained the age of 97. Her remains were interred in Newtownbarry cemetery. High mass and office were celebrated in the parish church.

WICKLOW.

This county in ancient times was possessed by the fine old Celtic clans of the O'Toobles and the Byrnes. When the English adventurers came to rob the Byrnes, who were a long the sea, they were compelled to take refuge in the mountains. O'Toobles were also forced from their ancient patrimony. In this county was made one of the most sordid and continuous struggles against the invaders. But, though the land of Wicklow has been in the possession of the despoilers for centuries it is now surely getting back into the hands of the Irish people.

Recent deaths in Cork:

HEGARTY—On Sept. 10, at River View, Summerhill, Daniel Hegarty, in his 90th year.

O'KEEFE—On Sept. 11, at Ballintemple, Daniel O'Keefe aged 27 years.

SHEEHAN—Sept. 11 at Ovens Bridge, Cornelius J. Sheehan.

BUCKLEY—On Sept. 11, at 46 York street, Bridget Buckley.

HYNES—Sept. 11, at 93 Ballymac Thomas, Matthew Hynes.

AHERN—On Sept. 11 at Cloyne, John Ahern.

MURPHY—On Sept. 12, at 5 Liberty street, William (Willie) Murphy, aged 10 years.

RIORDAN—Sept. 12, at Glenview Terrace, Dillon's Cross, Catherine Riordan.

MALONE—On Sept. 13, at 1 Bloomfield Terrace, Western road, James Augustus Malone.

O'BRIEN—On Sept. 13, at Carrig, Lower road, Nora O'Brien, late of Lota.

MADDEN—On Sept. 12, at Ballyvinny Mallow, Maggie, aged 18 years, only daughter of the late James Madden.

GILLIGAN—On Sept. 14, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Wellington road, Nora (Nannie) Gilligan, aged 35 years.

KIDNEY—Sept. 14, at 39 Harbor View, Queenstown, John Kidney.

RUMM—Sept. 14, at 12 Industry place, Lizzie Rumm.

LUCY—On Sept. 16, at Charlotte quay, Elizabeth Lucy.

GOOD—On Sept. 16, at 6 Anne street, Cork, Martanne Good.

BUCKLEY—Sept. 15, Pauline Buckley, 53 Nicholas street, aged 10 years.

HEALY—Sept. 16, at 69 Blarney street, Jeremiah Healy, late of Coacoford.

POWER—On Sept. 15, at River View Terrace, Glenbrook, Lizzie Power.

LYNCH—On Sept. 16, Maria Lynch, Turbird, aged 61 years.

CURRAN—Sept. 15, at 63 Shandon street, Kate Curran.

KERRY.

The Kerry friends of Miss Murphy, teacher of the Eyries Female School, will be pleased to know that as a result of her answering at the July examinations, she has been promoted to the first division of first class.

At Castleisland last week Dr. Browne, Inspector of the local government board held a sworn inquiry into the charge of neglect of duty against Dr. Rice, dispensary doctor. It was alleged that he failed to attend promptly on a red ticket woman named Mary Cronin, a widow, residing at Killoo, near Castleisland, who died in the County Infirmary, Tralee, a week later, from septic poisoning.

In the Kenmare River last week Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, owners of the Muckross (Killarney estate) now resident in Dinah Island, on the south shore of the river, had a very narrow escape from drowning, owing to the upsetting of a small sailing boat. The occupants of the boat were, after half an hour in the water, rescued by a boat belonging to Mr. Denis D. O'Sullivan, publican, Killah, West, which was half a mile distant at the time of the occurrence. The rescued after a short time being safely landed on terra firma, seemed nothing the worse. Mr. Herbert has lately acquired Dinah Island, where he is at present building a residence.

The pretty little chapel attached to the Convent of Mercy, Holy Cross, Killarney, was the scene of the impressive ceremony of reception lately. The young lady received was Miss Margaret Hartnett in religion sister Mary Mitchell, daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah Hartnett, Macroom. Most Rev. Dr. Coffey officiated.

LIMERICK.

Miss Mary O'Mara, of Hartstoungue House, Limerick, was lately married to Michael A. Rynne, M. D., Totten, Southampton, England. Rev. M. O'Donnell administrator, officiated in St. Michael's church, Limerick.

Annacooty Mills, owned by Bannatyne & Sons, was recently considerably injured by fire.

John Trousell, aged 63 years, an ex-school teacher, was found dead in

bed in Limerick, last week. The deceased was a native of Kilkree.

Father Quinlan, Newcastle West, and Mr. Delaney, Limerick, saved Richard Whitfield from drowning at Kilkree last week at the imminent risk of their lives. The rescued is head constable of the police, Fermoy, County Cork.

While John O'Shea, John O'Brien and Daniel O'Brien were taking thirty sheep across the River Shannon from the Clare side to Ringmoyle quay the bottom of the boat fell out. The men saved themselves by clinging to the sheep, who made for Feenish Island.

The Rev. Denis Shanahan, late pastor of St. Patrick's, Limerick, whose transfer to St. Mary's in room of the Very Rev. Dr. Hallinan, P. P., took up the duties of his sacred office as pastor of the latter parish. The ceremony of induction was performed by the Very Rev. T. H. Shanahan, his brother. Very Rev. Dr. Hallinan, has been selected as pastor for Newcastle in room of the late Very Rev. Dean Hammond.

TIPPERARY.

A warder of Clonmel Prison named Marnock, while standing on a scaffolding, superintending work in Clonmel prison, lost his footing and fell to the ground, breaking his left leg and dislocating his right arm.

Five young men from Nenagh district were engaged in the Soudan campaign, one of whom, Corp. Ogden, was among the killed. Another, Private Quikley, of the Twenty-first Lancers, was badly wounded. Last week Quikley's mother received a letter from her son dated Athens, in which he anticipated the great battle and complacently informed her that in case he did not come out of it safe she would get all that was "coming to him."

WATERFORD.

Father Flynn, the good and patriotic pastor of Trinity Without, Waterford, indemnity fund and among the most lately received evidence of the esteem in which the people hold him. All are determined that he shall not suffer financially because of his mistaken generosity in distributing the money in the now famous will case. The people are subscribing freely and largely to the indemnity fund and among the most generous are the men of Ballybricken.

John Sullivan, aged 36 years, was suffocated lately in a porter vat in the establishment of M. J. Sullivan, High street, Waterford. The vat is six feet deep. Deceased went down to clear up and became unconscious from the poisonous fumes. Other men, named Callopy and Moran, who went to the assistance of Sullivan, nearly perished also. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The Irish yacht to be built for Sir Thomas Lipton to compete for the America's cup in New York harbor October, 1899, will be slightly under 90 feet long, constructed of wolframium, one of the strongest and lightest of aluminum alloys. Harland & Wolff will supply the materials, and the yacht will be built in Mr. Fife's yard.

Mr. George Gerald Bingham of Wellesley avenue, Belfast, died last week. Deceased was well-known and respected through Ulster as during thirty-five years he had been secretary of the Northeast Agricultural Association.

A most regrettable accident happened last week to Miss Mary Jane McCurry, daughter of Mr. David McCurry, fishmonger, Church street, Ballymena. A bottle of lemonade exploded and so seriously injured was one of her eyes that it had to be removed.

ARMAGH.

Cardinal Logue sent this message of condolence to the Emperor of Austria on the terrible death of the Empress in Geneva by an anarchist: "To His Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, Vienna: I beg to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of Catholic Ireland, where the noble-hearted Empress rendered herself so loved, especially by the poor.—Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh." Reply: "Schoenbrunn, Schloss, Vienna. To His Eminence, Cardinal Archbishop Michael Logue, Carlingford: My heartfelt thanks for kind expression of sympathy.—Francis Joseph."

The Portadown News writes: "As an example of the good relations existing between Protestant and Catholics in the West of Ireland, Mr. Archibald McKenzie, Seagee House, calls our attention to the fact that Mr. Jackson Wilson, coach builder, Clifton, Connemara, recently lost the whole of his household furniture by a flood, as well as the greater portion of his factory implements, thus depriving him of his means of living. Mr. Jackson is a Presbyterian and had been twenty-two years a resident in the district. His neighbors, who are nearly all Roman Catholics, came to his assistance and in the most generous manner organized a fund for his relief."

DONEGAL.

Joseph Davidson, farmer, met with a shocking death at the Calro, Ramelton. He was driving cattle from a byre to the field when his bull turned upon him, it charged him and knocked him down, goring him so seriously that he died within ten minutes. The wounds were in the abdomen.

British official statistics show that even Ulster is not prosperous under the rule of the so-called "Sister Island." In 1894 the area in acres of the barony of Lecall Lower was given as 30,700, and on it, in 1841, were 12,962 persons; but when the last census was taken in 1891 only 6,465 persons were found within its limits. This in the much-wanted and prosperous Ulster. The blight of English rule is felt and suffered by all people who do not manage their own affairs.

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